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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German OS 101 51 438

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was identified and discussed at page 2 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of this reference. Reference AL also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

A translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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